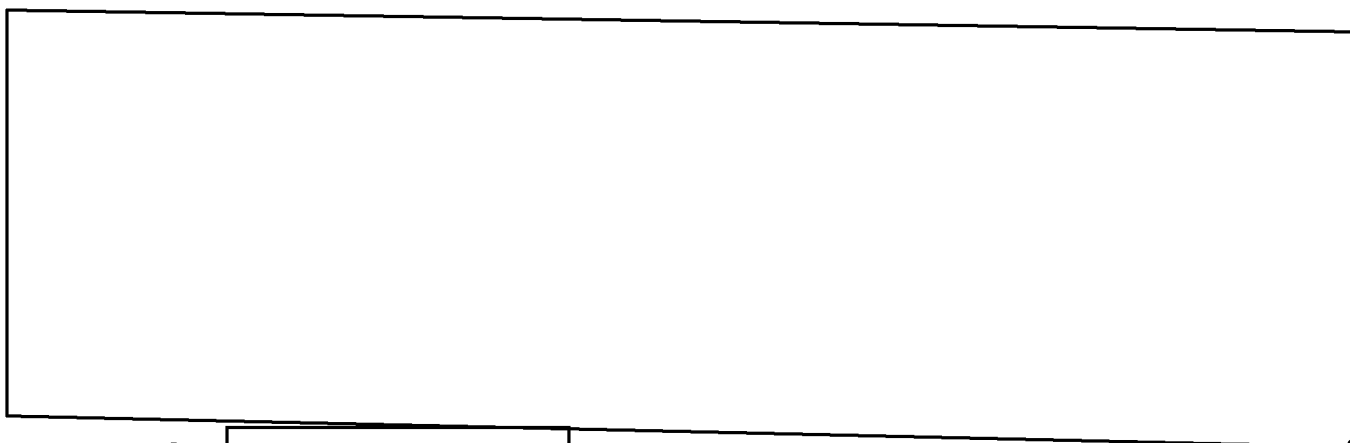


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2.

[redacted] Called Dave Abshire, Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, Department of State, to offer some revisions to the draft letter from Abshire to Fulbright commenting on the Cooper bill (requiring the Agency to provide intelligence material to the Congress). Abshire didn't have this draft and I later called Bill McAfee, INR, and passed on our proposals to him which he accepted.

I told Abshire we were curious as to why he, and not the Secretary, was signing the letter to Fulbright on what appeared to be a major issue of this sort. Abshire said the chief reason was that letters from an Assistant Secretary attracted less publicity than letters from the Secretary adding that also, if necessary, the Secretary could repudiate them with minimum embarrassment.

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3.

[redacted] In response to his request, I provided Bill McAfee, INR, with rough figures on the number of Agency appearances before congressional committees which he said they might need in response to questions from the Foreign Relations Committee arising out of the above mentioned letter to the Chairman opposing the Cooper bill.

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represent State at the meeting and would hope for Agency support on this issue. I said I wasn't clear on the matter at issue, and Symmes said he was sending me their proposed position which, in effect, sought to head off a confrontation with the Foreign Relations Committee, but which he feared might be unacceptable to the NSC representatives who he expected to recommend "stonewalling." I said I'd have to see his paper before I could comment on the matter.

25X1 5. [REDACTED] Received a call from Michael VanDusen, Near East Subcommittee staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, who requested that the date for Agency briefing be set over until 14 October due to the holiday next week. I told Mr. VanDusen I could see no reason why we wouldn't be able to change but I would relay the request and be back in touch with him in the morning. [REDACTED], OCI, has been advised.

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25X1 6. [REDACTED] Employee Benefits Subcommittee, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, reported the draft Committee bill on invasion of privacy of Federal employees to the full Committee with the exemption for the intelligence community intact. It is anticipated that there will be further discussion of the exemption before the full Committee to require at least reporting to the Congress of similar type cases handled within the intelligence community framework.

25X1 7. [REDACTED] Met with Miss Fran Christy, House Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee, and gave her a biographic 25X1B  
 25X1B [REDACTED] Miss Christy told me that she has not yet received a report from I&NS on [REDACTED] It is expected that the [REDACTED] 25X1A  
 bill will be considered by the Subcommittee in the meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

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